

SEVEN-SONG SING-ALONG

Beginner's Luck:
Toe-Tapping Tunes From Greenbelt's First Year

(I'VE GOT) BEGINNER'S LUCK

Music by George Gershwin • Lyrics by Ira Gershwin
From ***Shall We Dance*** (1937)

I've got beginner's luck
The first time that I'm in love, I'm in love with you
Gosh, I'm lucky!

I've got beginner's luck
They told me beginners win, now I know it's true
Gosh, I'm fortunate!

This thing we've begun
Is much more than a pastime
For this time is the one
Where the first time is the last time

I've got beginner's luck
Lucky through and through
'Cause the first time that I'm in love, I'm in love with you

BLOSSOMS ON BROADWAY

Music by Ralph Rainger • Lyrics by Leo Robin
From ***Blossoms On Broadway*** (1937)

There are blossoms on Broadway when I'm walking with you
Blossoms where trees never grew

I forget the crowd and the loud rumble of cars
And all the bright lights turn into stars

There is magic on Broadway when you're smiling at me
Magic my heart never knew

What a joy to be blissfully wandering through
The blossoms on Broadway with you

I WANT TO BE HAPPY

Music by Vincent Youmans • Lyrics by Irving Caesar
From **No, No, Nanette** (1925)

I want to be happy
But I won't be happy
Till I make you happy, too

Life's really worth living
When we are mirth giving
Why can't I give some to you?

When skies are gray and you say you are blue
I'll send the sun smiling through

I want to be happy
But I won't be happy
Till I make you happy, too

BLUE SKIES

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin
From **Betsy** (1926)

I was blue just as blue as I could be
Every day was a cloudy day for me
Then good luck came a-knocking at my door
Skies were gray, but they're not gray anymore

Blue skies
Smiling at me
Nothing but blue skies do I see

Bluebirds singing a song
Nothing but blue birds all day long

Never saw the sun shining so bright
Never saw things going so right
Noticing the days hurrying by
When you're in love, my how they fly

Blue days
All of them gone
Nothing but blue skies from now on

AVALON

Music and Lyrics by Al Jolson, Vincent Rose and B.G. DeSylva

I found my love in Avalon
Beside the bay
I left my love in Avalon
And sailed away

I dream of him in Avalon
From dusk till dawn
And so I think I'll travel on
To Avalon

NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT

Music by George Gershwin • Lyrics by Ira Gershwin

From ***A Damsel In Distress*** (1937)

The man who only lives for making money
Lives a life that isn't necessarily sunny
Likewise the man who works for fame
There's no guarantee that time won't erase his name

The fact is
The only work that really brings enjoyment
Is the kind that is for girl and boy meant
Fall in love; you won't regret it
That's the best work of all if you can get it

Holding hands at midnight
'Neath a starry sky
Nice work if you can get it
And you can get it if you try

Strolling with the one girl
Sighing sigh after sigh
Nice work if you can get it
And you can get it if you try

Just imagine someone
Waiting at the cottage door
Where two hearts become one
Who could ask for anything more?

Loving one who loves you
And then taking that vow
Nice work if you can get it
And if you get it
Won't you tell me how?

I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING

Music by Harold Arlen • Lyrics by Ted Kohler

I've got the world on a string
Sittin' on a rainbow
Got the string around my finger
What a world, what a life
I'm in love

I've got a song that I sing
I can make the rain go
Anytime I move my finger
Lucky me, can't you see
I'm in love

Life is a beautiful thing
As long as I hold the string
I'd be a silly so-and-so
If I should ever let it go

I've got the world on a string
Sittin' on a rainbow
Got the string around my finger
What a world, what a life
I'm in love